district. He found six out of the eighteen encroachments objectionable. Eviction could not be resorted to in view of the High Court's stay order under the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, obtained by the Agraharamdars."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, if the occupier of R.S. Nos. 62–63 sold away a certain portion and will the Government take action against the seller and stop further encroachment upon these lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already answered the hon. Member's question; that is a matter which is under the stay orders of the High Court."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Will the Government consider, Sir, the question of permanently assigning the lands under sivoijama cultivation to the Harijans and landless poor if no objection is taken to it from any quarter whatsoever for permanent assignment? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" When the stay of the High Court is vacated, the Government will do all that is necessary."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In cases where poramboke lands are occupied by landlords, will the Government take them back and assign them to poor Harijans and landless poor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" That may be done when the stay order is vacated."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" In view of the conflicts going on between the landlords and the poor Harijans and landless people who have occupied the poramboke lands, will the Government take immediate steps to put down such conflicts? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" But in trying to resolve conflicts the Government will come into conflict with the High Court."

SRI S. VEMIAH :—" The Hon. Minister stated that six cases were found to be objectionable; may I know the nature of the objections? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It may be that they are tank-bed lands or it may affect certain roads or pathways."

*Retrenchment of road gang coolies.*

* 1035 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Wil the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many road gang coolies under Government departments were retrenched recently in Krishna district and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The Highways department is the only department of the Government which employs gang coolies for maintenance of roads. Two

hundred and seventy-seven gang coolies were disbanded during 1952–53 from the five subdivisions of the Krishna division of the Highways Department.

" The Chief Engineer (Highways) found that the system of employing gang coolies for maintenance of roads had outlived its usefulness in the context of the current traffic needs and he introduced certain changes as an experimental measure in some subdivisions. As the result of the changes, ' gang coolies ' were dispensed with in the case of roads where the traffic intensity was not heavy enough and in respect of stretches which were either black-topped or cement-concreted.

" Sir, another question put by Sri G. Rama Rao concerns the same subject. I suggest that I might be permitted to answer that question also now."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yes, I have no objection."

*Coolie maistris in the Highways department, Krishna district.*

* 1051 *Q.*—Sri G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that mile coolies and coolie maistris working in the Highways department in the Krishna district were removed from service this year, and if so, how many such mile coolie workers were removed?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" No maistris were removed from service. Some who were employed in acting vacancies had to be ousted when the regular incumbents joined.

" Two hundred and seventy-seven mile coolies were discharged from service in all the five subdivisions of the Krishna division during 1952–53."

Sri V. RAMA RAO :—" Since the abandonment of the system of gang coolies and the introduction of the contract system the condition of the roads has worsened; therefore, will the Government reconsider the introduction of the gang coolie system? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" As I have already stated the Chief Engineer has reported that this system has outlived its usefulness."

Sri P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, in how many divisions this system has been tried and how this particular division was selected for the experiment? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" I suggest that a separate question may be asked."

Sri M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Might I ask if this is the way in which the Five-Year Plan is being implemented? "